

PUBLIC MONEY TO BEAT MINERS

Visits Canada



HON. JOHN STRACHEY

BRITISH TORIES THINK STRACHEY PAID TOO MUCH

Tells Ottawa Newsmen His
Opposition Says He Made
Bad Wheat Bargain

WHEAT BADLY NEEDED

OTTAWA, (CPA).—The British wheat agreement was talked about in the House of Commons on February 21, and the debate brought amused comment from John Strachey, British Minister of Food, who held a conference with Ottawa newspapermen afterwards. "I wish I could have brought my Conservative Opposition over here to listen," tall, dark, hook-nosed Mr. Strachey commented with ironic relish. "Over there you know they have been telling us incessantly that we spent millions of pounds unnecessarily; that we

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PERSONAL
STUFF
BY
E. E. R.

We've often heard the British parliamentary system ridiculed because it called for the election of a government and a body which is officially known as "His Majesty's Loyal Opposition." And I wouldn't be surprised if a careful search of the files of the People's Weekly and the Alberta Labor News would discover the fact that this writer had suggested at sometime or another that it seemed silly to elect a government to do things and an opposition to oppose the government doing things. Well, if I have written that way it was because there probably has been too much opposition for opposition's sake in British parliaments. But I am thankful to be able to say that C.C.F. members of legislatures and parliament are not elected to oppose anything except those measures which they think are harmful to the welfare of the people. And C.C.F. members of opposition groups in parliament and legislatures consider their chief function not to put obstacles in

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Is Glad S.C. Has Yielded To Pressure

Liesemer in the Legislature
Points to Promised Action
• On C.C.F. Demands

SCORES DELAY

Expressing satisfaction over the fact that the Speech from the Throne contained promises of action on some matters which repeatedly had been brought before the legislature by the C.C.F. members, A. J. E. Liesemer, C.C.F. member for Calgary, spoke in the debate on the Speech in the Alberta House on Wednesday. Speaking of the decision to pay the medical expenses of old age pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances, the C.C.F.

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Radio Broadcasts By William Irvine

William Irvine, C.C.F. member of parliament for Cariboo, will speak over CFCP, Grande Prairie station, on Sunday, March 2, at 3:30 p.m. He will be heard from CKPG on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m., and is scheduled to speak from CFCP, Kamloops, on Sunday, March 16, at 5:30 p.m.

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EXTENSION OF RADIO TALKS IS BEING PLANNED

Never in all the years in which the C.C.F. has been doing radio broadcasting in Alberta has the interest in the program been as great. Now carried on three stations, in Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge, negotiations are now under way for time on additional stations. It is expected that an announcement regarding the extension of the program will be made in an early issue. Thanks of the Radio Committee goes this week to the following contributors. To keep the talks on the air the money must keep flowing in.

- F. Herzog, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoop, 2.00; J. Evjen, 1.00; C. Lenberg, 5.00; Mrs. E. Love, 1.00; Verdun C.C.F. Club, 10.00; Howard Marr, 25.00; Hillside C.C.F. Club, 18.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. Sykes, 2.00; Bud Parks, 1.00; M. Losinski, 1.00; Hand Hills Provincial Constituency Association, 25.00; Calgary Women's Council, 50.00; Wellwisher, Camrose, 2.00; Dr. H. B. Ness, 5.00; D. Dickinson, 1.00; H. Hagenson, 2.00; J. A. Trueman, 1.00 R. Otto, 1.00.

C.C.F. RADIO TALKS

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Lethbridge, CFCP, 8:00 p.m. Saturday.
Invite your friends and neighbors to listen in to these five-minute talks each week.



No matter how attractive the incentive bonus this Cape Breton coal miner and his fellow workers know it is impossible to increase production under present antiquated methods. Prior to the strike 500 fewer men were at work in the coal face and many of those employed were old and would have retired if any pension were available to them. The mines are now harder to work and equipment has deteriorated. The new mechanization which the Dominion Coal Company talks of would make no appreciable difference for many months, and it was unfair to ask the miner to increase production by his own sweat alone, Alistair Stewart and Stanley Knowles contended in the House of Commons. In a statement issued to CCL unions, Pat Conroy points out that N. S. miners "have been constantly faced with an uphill battle to maintain standards of decency and dignity against the grasping policies of one of the most monopolistic corporations in Canada."

Government Will Develop Rich Unity Potash Find

WILL REVOLUTIONIZE AGRICULTURE

REGINA. — Confirming reports of a rich discovery of potash in Saskatchewan, Natural Resources Minister J. L. Phelps said today that "commercial production of potash from the Unity field would revolutionize agriculture in this country, and since potash is of the same relative international importance as uranium, government enterprise is the only feasible method of developing its production." Mr. Phelps was commenting on the announcement of the discovery in the Dominion house of commons by Resources Minister J. A. Glen.

Eight or nine additional wells would have to be drilled at Unity, in order to prove up the field, said Mr. Phelps. If present indications were substantiated, it would then be necessary to sink two shafts, and build a 2,000-ton mill, at a total cost of more than \$4,000,000, if the field were to be brought into production. Of National Importance The minister stressed that this

Government Pays Losses Of Company

Subsidies from Ottawa Will
Underwrite the Strike
For Dosco in N.S.

"INTOLERABLE" SAYS COLDWELL

OTTAWA, (CPA).—The federal government is under contract to pay all losses for the Dominion Coal Company of Nova Scotia, up to March 31st when the contract expires, Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction, told the House of Commons Friday in reply to a question from Clarie Gillis ((C.C.F., Cape Breton South). This guarantee from the govern-

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OVERSEAS CO-OP. TOUR IS PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER

NEW YORK. — A six weeks' tour of Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries highlights the plans of National Co-operatives' Tour Bureau for the coming summer.

Tourists will have an opportunity to see co-operatives in action in Europe's most famous co-op countries — England, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway and to visit famous landmarks, points of historical interest, resort and vacation spots in all these countries.

The group will travel to and from England on one of the famous Cunard liners. Sailing dates have not been announced by the line as yet, but reservations are being made for the first sailing date in July. Total cost for the entire six weeks' tour will not be more than \$1,000, including travel expenses, hotels, meals, etc.

Also in the planning stages are a two-weeks' tour of co-operatives in Eastern U.S. and a repeat Saskatchewan two-weeks' tour.

Further details on dates and costs will soon be made available by National Tour Bureau, 167 West 12th Street, New York. Those wishing to be put on the mailing list for additional information should write the Tour Bureau at the above address.

E c o n o m i c Planning A Means Not An End

OTTAWA, (CPA).—In his introduction to a new British pamphlet: "Socialist Economic Planning: The Overall Picture," by Christopher Mayhew, the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison says: "Economic planning is a means and not an end—a means toward the achievement of full democratic living. Controls, so called, are merely the instruments of planning, used, not to infringe liberty but to bring about effective increases."

Only Socialism Saves Britain Today

By **MICHAEL FOOT, M.P.**

Noted British Journalist and Labor M.P.

THE GREAT need of the hour is a Socialist offensive, a more deadly assault on the ramparts of privilege, and quick and ready response to the call for prodigious labor.

That answer to the challenge has already come from the miners and the seamen and the railway workers and countless others besides.

The miners have got to the pit face even though their villages seemed blocked with snow. The seamen from the Northern ports have been fighting against ice and storm. The railway workers have been loading and despatching their precious cargoes with frost-bitten fingers in the face of blizzard and fog.

The emergency, says Churchill, is "a sample of Socialism." How strange and ironic! All his rhetoric and invective, all the cheers and jeers of the Tory benches in the House of Commons, all the slanders and distortions of the Tory Press could not together move one ton of coal!

The emergency is not a sample of Socialism. It is a lesson in Socialism. Every event which has happened in these past few days and weeks confirms the simplest principles which our Movement has preached for half a century.

This, then, is no moment for apologies. This is the moment to run home the truth.

Our Life-Blood

Our country lives (or dies!) on coal. Coal is produced, not by stockholders, not by bankers nor by coalowners, nor even by Coal Boards or speeches in the House of Commons.

Coal is produced by miners, and the great question is how to get them. There are only three ways.

The first is the Tory way, and



These British miners have shown their patriotism and their resolve, not for the first time, to lead the crusade for Socialism in their readiness to cut more coal even before they are provided with the right implements to do the job. In the worst storm conditions in the history of England they got to the pit face even though their villages seemed blocked with snow.

The problem of how to get free men to cut coal in a society of full, or nearly full employment is not an easy one to solve. But the British Labor government contends the most practical way to solve it is to recognize the debt which society owes to the miner.

We tried it for twenty years in the period between the two wars. The main feature of this plan was to maintain something between one and a half and three million unemployed, not for a few weeks, but permanently. The miner had the choice of working or starving.

This is still the only method known to the Tories of getting miners. In the Commons debate

Mr. Hudson, speaking for the Tory front bench, was asked to state how he would have increased coal stocks. Wisely, he refused to answer, and the benches behind him collapsed like a punctured balloon.

No Tory can explain how the laws of supply and demand will get miners, unless those same laws ensure that the supply of labor grossly and perpetually exceeds the demand. In other words, work or starve.

Wrong Way

The second way of getting miners is the totalitarian way.

Chain the men to the pits, decree that they shall never leave them, drive them down with whips or send their leaders to concentration camps if they refuse.

That is the Fascist way in full operation. It is a very mild sense it was also the method employed under the Essential Works Order. But the Order was introduced when all other sections of the community were being conscripted for essential national service.

If an Essential Works Order were to be applied to the mines long after all forms of compulsory employment had been abandoned for the rest of the population, that also would be the approach to Fascism.

It would also be Fascism, be it noted, to conscript Germans and put them down the pits against their will. Or, if you don't like the word Fascism, an older word is slavery. And the same applies to other forms of foreign labor.

We need all the foreign labor we can get in the coal mines. We should move heaven and earth to get it. But these men whom we wish to help us in our crisis should be free men, able to choose their place in society on the same basis as others.

Neither Socialism nor anything else good can be built on the system of breeding a type of second-class citizens, assigned to do the dirty work.

Pay the Debt

So, rejecting the Tory solution and the totalitarian solution—and neither is practicable, much less defensible by civilized communities—the problem remains: how to get free men to cut coal in a society of full, or nearly full, employment.

The only answer is the Socialist answer. The only way is to recognize the debt which society owes to the mines, the long, heavy debt which has been piling up unpaid for years.

The miner is the most important

man in Britain. His status, his wages, his freedoms and his rights must be based on that simple fact.

We have still far to go before that fact is recognized. But the beginning was made when Britain nationalized the mines. The Tories voted against that first measure for the remedy of Britain's post-war crisis. They voted against the salvation of our country.

Back Him Up!

The miner has shown his patriotism and his resolve, not for the first time, to lead the crusade for Socialism in his readiness to cut more coal, even before the debt to him is properly paid and even before he is provided with the right implements to do the job.

It is our business to back his efforts, to tell our neighbors and tell the nation the truth of the present crisis. Let each one of us remind ourselves how it was that in years gone by we were provided with warmth to guard us against the cold and light to assist us against the darkness.

It was done by men who went down to the pits for £2 and £3 a week, men who every day risked death in some hellish black avalanche, men whose health was destroyed by the grip of silicosis, men whose homes were broken up and communities disrupted when the great God Profit chose to frown upon their work.

Your Part

Yet it was these same men who sent Keir Hardie to the House of Commons, who laid the foundations of our great movement, who believed with unquenchable faith that they and their comrades in other trades could build a society in which free men could enjoy the fruits of their own labor.

Today that faith is on trial. The Hudsons and the Churchills, the Kemsleys and the Camroses, the Rothermeres and the Beaverbrooks are all banded together to denounce that faith as a mockery.

They have jeers and sneers in plenty, headlines to smear across their front pages, rhetoric and declamation; but to the great question of the hour, the national question, the question which cries aloud for an answer, to this they reply with thunderous silence.

How to get coal? How to get miners? In the face of that insistent, inescapable demand, Hudson is speechless and Churchill is dumb.

It was for that reason Toryism was expelled from power. It is for that reason Toryism means national ruin. It is for that reason each one of us must resolve to go out and argue and work and fight for Socialism as we never fought before.

Sun Life Policies Increase By 44%

MONTREAL. — More people purchased life assurance from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada during 1946 than in any similar period over the last 15 years. Arthur B. Wood, President, outlined the world-wide character of the Company's business and revealed many new records of achievement when presenting the financial statement at the 76th Annual Meeting. The Sun Life first extended its operations outside of Canada 67 years ago, and has been established in the United States and Great Britain for well over half a century. Reviewing the Annual Report for 1946, Mr. Wood stated that the volume of new life assurance business for the year had increased by 44% over 1945 and amounted to \$348,155,401, bringing total assurances in force to \$3,573,132,763. This amount was distributed among the Company's territorial divisions as follows: Canada 32%, United States 42%, Great Britain 12%, Other Countries 14%. The total assets of the Company reached the figure of \$1,843,132,974.

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WINS FIGHT FOR PENSIONERS

IN HIS first session in the Alberta legislature Aylmer Liesemer moved a resolution calling for the payment of medical, hospital, dental, optical and funeral expenses for old age pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances.

The motion was passed. But Premier Manning told the house that it was one thing to pass such a motion and another thing to do what the motion called for. He wanted to know where the money was coming from. He said Alberta doctors were very good about attending to charity cases among old age pensioners.

A year passed, with nothing done. In the 1946 session Mr. Liesemer moved his motion again. It was declared out of order. Later on he moved it again. It was again declared out of order. He talked about medical aid for old age pensioners in the Throne Speech debate, in the budget debate, when the estimates were before the house. Nothing was done.

But when a member of a legislature continues to hammer away at something that should be done to give justice to a section of the population, public opinion becomes aroused. Pressure on the government builds up. Sooner or later it must yield.

Last week in the Speech from the Throne the Alberta government announced that free medical and hospital care would be given to old age pensioners and recipients of mothers' allowances, beginning April 1st. Well done, Liesemer!

SOCIALISM BEST IN TEST

NOW IT is coming out of the fog of newspaper distortions of Britain's winter trial, that it was socialized industry which stood up best in the test.

Howard K. Smith, chief of the Columbia Broadcasting System's European news staff (author of "Last Train from Berlin") writing from London for the newspaper *P. M.*, New York, says:

The villains of the piece have not been those most publicized . . . Shinwell's administrative delinquency or Labor's "doctrine of socialism." In fact, the socialized mining industry is the only one which didn't crack under the strain. Coal production during the blizzard week was considerably higher than the same week last year, despite the terrible conditions and the epidemic of flu and colds among the miners' families.

Mr. Smith thinks the Tories have made themselves look a bit silly by charging in one breath that government controls are responsible for the crisis, and in the next that Shinwell is to blame because he didn't introduce more government controls sooner—by rationing coal supplies to private industry!

PROVINCIAL - MUNICIPAL SURVEY

THE ALBERTA government has intimated through the speech from the Throne that it intends to "undertake a comprehensive survey of the entire field of provincial and municipal taxation with a view to eliminating, as far as possible, the inequities which have developed within the existing provincial and municipal tax structure. . . ."

In his CBC provincial network broadcast in January, the Provincial Leader of the C.C.F. told his listeners that it was his intention to move a resolution in the 1947 session calling for the appointment of a representative commission to investigate the whole field of municipal-provincial relations. The government's announcement was no doubt intended to head-off such a motion.

At the time of going to press the government has not indicated how or by whom its "survey" will be made. If the intention is to have it made by the Department of Municipal Affairs, as a basis for the introduction of arbitrary legislation at a later session, there will be much dissatisfaction. The study when it is made should be conducted by a body on which the municipalities have representation, and the chairman should be an expert in such matters who would be independent of both government and municipalities.

BACKWARD STEP

THE COMMITTEE of the legislature which was appointed to suggest revisions of the Election Act has ignored the opposition to the recommendation for the abolition of the system of enumeration in the cities to be replaced by the registration system which prevails in the United States.

The committee has gone to the American electoral system for the most undesirable feature of the election machinery of that country. Lending itself to the most vicious kind of machine politics, the adoption of the registration system in this province would be a backward step.

THE THIRD COLUMN

BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

Alberta Educational Council:
"There are just two things indispensable to our Western economy, viz. land to grow our products and shelter to keep us from being frozen to death. Why these two indispensable should have to carry all, or nearly all the cost of educating our children is beyond the understanding of most thinking people. The Alberta Educational Council has set out to change this by persuading the provincial legislatures to follow the example of Ontario and British Columbia and pay 50% of the annual cost of elementary and secondary education. Alberta is a wealthy province, it has most things that a farmer or a manufacturer needs in order to succeed. Its revenue through general taxation should pay a much greater share of educational costs."



DUST OFF YOUR PREJUDICES

The Montrealer, Jan. - Feb.:
"Now that we are Canadians in our own right, it might be good for all of us to take out our prejudices, dust them off, look them over, then toss them into the trash-bin of useless mores. Are you anti-Semitic, anti-French, anti-English, anti-Foreignborn, anti-Catholic, anti-Protestant? There is no room for any of these in the new Canada, for the excellent reason that a people divided by stupid prejudices into hermetically sealed compartments possess no future."

"The point is that the time would seem to be ripe, now that the natal season of the Canadian citizen is here, to be for other types of Canadians and not against all those born into other manners. Think it over, fellow citizens."



GLOOMY FARM PICTURE

The Christian Science Monitor, February 7, 1947:

"BERKELEY, Calif.—A decline in net farm income for 1947 is predicted by Dr. H. R. Wellman, director of the University of California Giannini Foundation for Agricultural Economics. But the decline need not be serious, he says, farm prices are bolstered by the nonagricultural segment of the national economy."

"Drawing a parallel with the period World War I, he points out that farm income which was \$9,600,000,000 in 1919 dropped to \$3,600,000,000 by 1922. He fears inflation as mirrored in the sharp sweep upward in prices following decontrol."



N' Z. INCOMES CLIMB

New Zealand Standard, December 26, 1946:

"Since Labor came into power and compared with the year 1931-32 the total of private incomes in New Zealand has developed to a degree never experienced before in the history of this country. Here are the figures:

Aggregate Year	Private Income Total
1931-2	99.7 million
1935-6	124.4 "
1938-9	185.8 "
1939-40	200.2 "
1940-1	216.5 "
1941-2	230.7 "
1942-3	264.4 "
1943-4	292.3 "
1944-5	303.5 "



GO RIGHT OR ELSE!

Glasgow Foreward, Dec. 14, 1946:
"In absence of U.N.R.R.A. the Europeans can become America's great providers. Yes, sir, the pantry is on the Right. Go Left and you'll go hungry."

- FOOTPRINTS - A Revolutionary Gospel

By J. P. GRIFFIN

"Nobody has ever seen God"

PAGANISM was a religion of many gods. The Roman list ran up into the hundreds, but Christianity accepted the Jewish belief of one God. As we look out over the many-sided manifestations of reality in the natural world around us, the varying seasons and hours, the different types of animal forms and inanimate structures, the mysteries of life and death, of mind and heart, of ethical and spiritual values, we feel that all these are but the expression of something that lies behind and beyond them all, something greater than they, something eternal. That something we instinctively feel to be somebody, and to that reality the Christian gives the name of God.

But he does not stop there, he seeks to define reality in terms of personality. And here perhaps the varying pictures of what is clearly shown in that it puts at the heart of the Universe—reality itself—not an individual, but a social being. Not mutuality, two; not individuality, one; but sociability, three persons in one God. Whatever mental reservations a Socialist may have about the structure in which the Christian God is, he they ever so tenderly, lovingly, or reverently presented by honest seekers throughout the world, he can accept the proposition that the Christian God, the ultimate ground of all reality, is a social being.

Now nature has no place for the individual as an isolated unit, all is organically related, that means socially. A man apart from men becomes less than a man, as misers, hermits and trappers have sometimes shown. No wind ever blows of itself without relation to other winds. The numbers of rabbits in the Arctic Circle decides the size of the hunting grounds of the wolf and the snowy owl. A cell in the human body trying to be an individual is a cancer cell. An industrial monopoly insisting on having its own way, a province withdrawing from community with the nation, a nation setting at naught the wishes of the world, all these are cancers in the social order, denying by their activities the basic principle of the universe that the true relation of life is social because sociability IS the Godhead.

When John Donne, the English poet wrote, "therefore do not ask for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee" he was expressing the eternal reality of sociability. That human life is bound up in one bundle, that we have to be our brothers' keepers because only as such can we preserve ourselves, and that that truth is real not only of what should be, but what IS. This is why Socialists must take part in the organization of society, and why Christianity apart from society is as meaningless as society apart from Christians. It is clearly then the duty of both to become actively concerned about the condition of society. To fail here is to turn away from reality and from God.

Co-ops Will Have to Choose

By J. E. Cook,
PRESIDENT, ALBERTA C.C.F.

C.C.F. stands for Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. Co-operation has a very practical structure in this province, in Canada, and all over the world today. It is seldom that people are permitted to connect the use of the word "co-operative" as used in the title of the C.C.F. and the word as it is used in the gigantic business experiment on a worldwide scale. And still it is becoming daily more evident that it should be so connected.

Is Co-op Tax Forgotten

In Edmonton last week the University Short Course on Co-operation was held. There was much of interest and education in the program. One year ago when the same course was held, one of the important items on the agenda was the McDougall Commission report on the taxation of Co-ops. Since then the government has implemented the report and today co-ops because of that policy of the political party in power are facing something of a crisis.

Just how severe this crisis is will become more apparent as time goes on. Although in some quarters it is still maintained that co-op taxation is not acceptable to the co-operative movement in Canada there is not a great deal of evidence to support that idea at this time. It was not a subject of discussion at the Co-operative Short Course just held in Alberta.

Will Have To Be Political

It is definitely important, and definitely not acceptable, to the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. It is and will be a subject of discussion to them both in and out of Parliament. There is next month a Co-operative Congress to be held at Toronto. It will be a subject of discussion there but whether it will produce action will have to await the event. It would seem as if the very base of any action that might be suggested or taken will have to be political in its nature. It would seem difficult that it

Elections Soon

Elections in Canada loom for the very near future. There is plenty of evidence to show that in this province and in the Dominion of Canada government strategists are laying the base for such an election call. There is a well defined division in Canada today. On one side are those who believe that privately owned and operated monopoly offers good satisfaction and service to Canadian people. Although there is common acceptance of the fact that a depression of quite severe proportions is just ahead, the present system of trading and industry is quite blithely quoted as a truly wonderful way of life, the Canadian or perhaps the "American" way of life.

On the other side is the co-operative ideal which insists that there must be at least enough control of business in the hands of people themselves so that industry will not be allowed to shut down

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Robert Carlyle's Father Passes On

Sympathy of the C.C.F. movement is extended to Robert Carlyle, of Blackfalds, C.C.F. Provincial Board member, whose father, Sydney George Carlyle of North Edmonton, died on Tuesday at the age of 73 years. Funeral services were held on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

The late Mr. Carlyle occupied a prominent place in the agricultural life of Alberta. He was appointed superintendent of Alberta demonstration farms in 1913. A member of the Alberta civil service for 24 years, he was Alberta livestock commissioner for 18 years, retiring to his farm just outside the city limits in 1937. Following his retirement he became secretary and fieldman of the Alberta Holstein Friesian association, which post he held until 1943.

He attended Guelph agricultural college and the University of Wisconsin and for a time operated a farm in Ontario.

His widow, four sons and three daughters survive him.

Our first right as citizens of a civilized community is education for our children.

To Help Furnish Woodsworth House

CAMROSE — C.C.F. Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. H. B. Ness on Feb. 17th.

The members decided to sponsor a fund, open to anyone in the Camrose Provincial Constituency. The money will be used to purchase a Chesterfield, or some piece of furniture, for Woodsworth House, Ottawa. A small name-plate could be attached. Twenty-five dollars was the sum voted from the Club. It is hoped that there will be a generous response, also that other constituencies may be prompted to adopt the same idea, and thereby have a special interest in Woodworth House.

The secretary, Mrs. Edna Adamson, will be in charge of the fund, and all donations should be mailed or handed to her, and she will issue a receipt for every donation. The fund will be open until June 1st. Mr. H. Rolseth, Constituency President, has given his approval of this endeavor.

At the next meeting on March 17th, the Program Committee will ask this question of the members: "What does the C.C.F. mean to me?"

WILLIAMS, ROPER PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR LABOR BRIEF

W. J. Williams, Veterans' member, and Elmer E. Roper, C.C.F. Provincial Leader, at a meeting in the Masonic Temple on Friday evening promised their full support for the requests made in a brief which the Alberta provincial committee of the Canadian Congress of Labor has presented to the provincial government. The meeting was called by the Edmonton Council of Labor.

J. Percy Page, Independent member, stated that he would study the brief closely and give it "every consideration." "I can only vote as my conscience guides," he declared. J. Harper Prowse, who is one of the three members representing the armed forces in the Legislature, also promised every consideration for the proposals made in the brief. He explained that he had not yet had time to study the brief but promised to do so. He invited members of the labor organizations to visit him and discuss it in greater detail.

Wants R.C.M.P. To Protect Indians

OTTAWA, (CPA). — Extra R.C.M.P. are needed in the north to protect Indians against "renegade whites and half-breeds who are making a business of supplying them with extracts and home brew," Max Campbell (C.C.F., The Battlefords) said in an address in the Commons on Feb. 7. The Indians had received good prices for their trapping, Mr. Campbell said, but there were no banks or other ways for them to take care of their money, and gambling and drinking had become widespread.

CCF NEWS ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

MRS. NELLIE PETERSON

Stony Plain Constituency
Monday, Mar. 3 — Brightwood Hall.

Tuesday, Mar. 4 — Moon Lake Hall.

Wednesday, Mar. 5 — Violet Grove.

Thursday, Mar. 6 — Drayton Valley.

Friday, Mar. 7 — Rocky Rapids.

Saturday, Mar. 8 — Magnolia.

JACK GRIFFIN

Camrose Constituency

Tuesday, Mar. 4 — Donald Hall.

Wednesday, Mar. 5 — Meeting Creek Hall.

Thursday, Mar. 6 — Bawlf Hall.

Saturday, Mar. 8 — Rosalind Hall.

WHITNEY AND CARLYLE

SPEAKERS

The Red Deer C.C.F. Club will meet in the Deer Room of the Buffalo Hotel on Monday, March 3rd, at 8 p.m. J. Whitney will speak on the relation between "Farmer" and "Labor." Mr. Bob Carlyle will lead a discussion on the subjects of "Weed Control" and "Animal Diseases" in the Red Deer district.

P.W. BOOSTERS

The 1946 report of the Rosyth C.C.F. club is another grand record of achievement which makes it easy to understand why Rosyth is a C.C.F. poll. In 1946 this club had 25 paid up members and almost an equal number of People's Weekly subscribers. However, its most noteworthy accomplishment is the distribution last year of more than 1,200 copies of the People's Weekly in the district. This is a real contribution to their slogan of "The P.W. in every home in Alberta."

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Crooked Creek Club—Memberships	\$48.00
Red Deer Club—Memberships	\$33.00
Vegreville Constituency, per W. G. Porayko—Membership	\$14.00
Viking Club—Membership and Radio	\$90.00
Edmonton Constituency—Membership	\$51.00
Verdun Club—Membership and Radio	\$68.00

5 Minutes With the CCF

RADIO ADDRESS

By A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A.

IN THE towns and cities of Alberta working people, whether in shop or in office, are getting shorter hours. Shorter hours are bound to come because machinery is doing so much of the work that we had to do in the past by hand labor. But on the farms, both on the land and in the farm home, there is still much drudgery with long hours. But you farmers and farm wives can have shorter hours too. The answer for you, in part at least, is electricity on the farm.

During the past summer in company with my parents it was my good fortune to visit their old Ontario farm homes. What a difference from the days when they lived there. And what a difference between these modern Ontario farms and 95% of our Alberta farms today. The difference is electricity. The house, the barns, the yard are well-lighted—no fire hazard on that farm with kerosene or gas lamps and lanterns.

Electricity Does the Work

I went out to the barn with my cousin who now owns one of the places. While the electric milking machine was doing the work that here in Alberta I used to do by hand, my cousin turned a tap which released water into the drinking cups beside each cow's stallion. Automatically an electric motor started up a pressure pump lifting the water from the well. At the same time his 17 year old son in the adjoining barn was using the same water supply to mix feed for the hogs. An electric motor there was grinding the feed he was using. The milking finished, the milk was separated by a power separator and the cream placed in the farm's own electric cooling system.

Haying was over and harvest had not yet begun. But the chores on this large mixed farm took so little time that there had been opportunity for a round of golf that afternoon and we all went off to town that evening to a picture show.

Saves Housewife

We were there on the same farm over a wash day. The power pump not only permitted a full modern bathroom in this farm home, but also an electric washing machine. And while electricity turned the washing machine that Alberta farm women have to work by hand, breakfast dishes were being washed and beds made up. A vacuum cleaner and the rooms just as in a city home and I saw an electric mix-master helping with the cooking. Next day electricity made the ironing easier. Farming with electricity under these conditions is a sheer delight.

Publicly Owned

But, you say, they can do that in Ontario where farms are close together. I admit it is cheaper there, but the thing that makes it possible is public ownership. Saskatchewan farms are on their way to getting electricity because the C.C.F. government has put electric power under public ownership. New Zealand under public ownership has electrified 95% of their farms; Alberta privately owned power companies have brought power to only 5% of our farms.

In the 1944 election the C.C.F. promised rural electrification under public ownership. But Mr. Trestrail and the Tory-minded Social Credit leaders said "That is Socialism!" Well I do not care what you call it. If socialism can bring leisure and freedom from drudgery to the farm as well as to the cities, then I'm all for it. Some other Trestrail in the next election will tell you again that it is socialism. But I know you farmers and farm wives do not care what it is called either. The Alberta Farmers' Union, the United Farmers of Alberta, The Alberta Association of Rural Municipalities and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture have all asked for rural electrification under public ownership.

S. C. Delay

Just before the 1944 election the Social Credit Government appointed a Power Commission. Now after three years of doing nothing Social Credit is going to make a survey to see whether or not you need electricity in your home and farm! More delay until after another election. And every year's delay is another year you suffer for the sake of the power monopoly big shots that Social Credit is serving so well. The fanatical and illogical hatred of Social Credit leaders for public ownership will prevent electricity reaching your farm during their time. But the farmers and their wives want electricity as well as their city friends do. And in the next election they are going to vote C.C.F. and then, and then only, are they going to have it.

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President Lac Ste. Anne Provincial Constituency Association

PRESIDENT of the Lac Ste. Anne C.C.F. Provincial Constituency Association as well as heading the Jasper-Edson Federal Constituency, Charles Keeley, known to everyone as "Charlie" is another of those dependable people who helps make the C.C.F. wheels go round. And he goes about his duties with such little fuss that you hardly realize they are being efficiently dispatched. Like most C.C.F.'ers who choose to work as back-benchers he likes to do his bit with a minimum of publicity.



Mr. Keeley joined the C.C.F. in 1934. He explains his conversion this way: "By the time I paid for my farm home I knew something about economics. The C.C.F. offered me the opportunity of co-operating with others to solve our common problem of distributing to all the abundance which modern productive methods have made possible."

He has served on local school and church boards for the past 15 years and has been a member of the executive of Lac Ste. Anne U.F.A. and Mayerthorpe District Co-operative since 1931.

Tinkering with electrical equipment is his favorite hobby but his 18 year-old daughter Jean maintains that his efforts along this line consist principally of "blowing fuses."

Old-Timers in District

The Keeley family settled in Stanger (Lac Ste. Anne) in 1913. They engaged in lumbering and farming and finally moved to Mayerthorpe where they operated a lumber yard. The Keeley family is widely known throughout the Lac Ste. Anne district. Grandpa Keeley died some years ago but Grandma Keeley, now 84 years of age, still takes a keen interest in events from her home with her daughter in Entwistle.

Our Alberta C.C.F. president has frequently enjoyed the hospitality of the Charlie Keeleys and this sketch of their farm home is really by courtesy of Mr. Cook:

Attractive Home

The modern attractive Keeley home is situated on the banks of the Paddle River overlooking the town of Mayerthorpe. The grounds surrounding the house are in the process of being landscaped, a

hobby of Mr. Keeley and his wife, the former Marie Sherratt.

The ornamental and fruit trees in their hilltop garden provide both shade and beauty. The site lends itself to morning and afternoon sun which makes it a very pleasant abode in winter as well as summer.

Diversified Farming

Their pioneer training makes conduct of the Keeley farm home a diversified agricultural business. Bees feasting on the flowers in the garden supply the table with honey; the fine Yorkshire registered sows provide meat which is cured at home as well as forming the base for a large sale of breeding stock for Mayerthorpe and adjacent neighborhoods. A selected herd of Whiteface cattle makes possible the home feeding of tame hay and utilizes the farm grains. Mrs. Keeley also conducts an extensive poultry department providing winter eggs for market.

In all this activity the Keeleys have additional help and administrative advice from daughter Jean who combines a talent for music with a love of farm life. Jean, who is writing her A.T.C.M. this year, provides the accompaniment for many lively sing-songs around the piano in the Keeley living room.

Hospitable Home

Charlie Keeley and his wife, C.C.F.'ers from the days of the U.F.A., have offered generous hospitality to C.C.F. speakers and visitors to the Mayerthorpe district. In their own right Mr. and Mrs. Keeley are effective agents for the C.C.F. at all times.

Charlie Keeley's philosophy of life might be summed up in the words of the late J. S. Woods: "What we desire for ourselves we wish for all; to this end may we take our share of the world's work and the world's struggles." This expression of his attitude toward the more serious business of life isn't just something which Charlie Keeley quotes on occasion, it is woven into the very fibre of his being.—I. M.

PREMIER MANNING has announced the intention of his government to provide medical services for Old Age Pensioners. Even if long overdue this is a praiseworthy action and we commend him on the adoption of this much of the C.C.F. program of socialized health services.

Now that Premier Manning has recognized one vital need of our old folks we call his attention urgently to the need for revising the present harsh rules under which the Old Age Pension Act is administered in this province. We have given him full-hearted credit for providing health services. We hope that we can soon extend even greater thanks when he has considered further the disabilities under which Alberta Pensioners live. We feel certain the premier-ship would rest uneasily upon his shoulders were he aware of the fear and terror with which Old Age Pensioners in Alberta view the administration of the act in this province.

Live In Fear

For Alberta's aged people do live in fear. Some fear to ask for the old age pension. Others apply for the miserly pittance only to find their fears increased. Perhaps the cruelest burden of all is the fear of the perpetual means test which means the right of each of Alberta's 12,000 old age pensioners to any pension—almost his right to live.

The means test is a day by day governmental inquisition badgering the personal lives of all who seek or get an old age pension. It might be truly said that the whole question of pensions for our elderly citizens is bounded by a mighty IF.

Stringent Regulations

If the applicant has managed to dodge the grim reaper for 70 years he may apply for an old age pension. Only 4% of Canada's people reach this ripe old age. When the powers that be call this a land of opportunity they must mean that our old folks are given full opportunity to perish before reaching pensionable age. However, age qualification merely provides the right to open negotiations for the pension. Many old folks cannot meet the stringent regulations. Others are kept waiting for two or three years—and negotiations often consume this period of time even with the aid of skilled lawyers.

If the applicant is blessed with British citizenship he may proceed with his application.

Difficult to Prove

If he can find his birth certificate he can prove his age qualification. This is very often difficult. In the old days births may not have been registered. Perhaps the applicant was born in central

Europe and can find no legal proof as to the time of his birth. Perhaps he has no friends in this country to vouch for his years. No matter what the technicality may be the applicant is a tormented and aged citizen who needs help. To the Pension Board he is a person who cannot easily prove his seventy years—even "sans everything."

If he has lived in Canada for 20 years, and if sixteen of these twenty years have lapsed since he passed fifty years of age, and if he has lived for two years out of the past five years in Alberta and if he has the necessary six months residence in a municipal district his application will be considered. But, other hurdles remain in order to secure the starvation pension of less than \$30 per month.

Other Hurdles

If he earns more than 34½ cents per day his pension will be reduced.

If a son, daughter, or friend supplies a free room the pension will be reduced by \$4 per month.

If relatives or friends dare to supply free board and lodging the pension is reduced by \$180 per annum.

If the pensioner has property valued at more than \$500, five per cent of the excess is deducted from the possible pension—at a time when government bonds are yielding from 2½ to 3 per cent.

If he takes employment at \$1.10 per day, or more, the pension is wiped out completely.

If the pensioner should be so unfortunate as to dare to have more than \$250 put away for a rainy day he will suffer the reduction of his pension by 5% of the excess.

If he visits the United States for one month his pension cheque will be retained here, awaiting his return.

If he visits the United States for more than thirty days one cheque will be retained, awaiting his return but no further payments will be made for a visit in excess of 30 days. If he happens to overstay his limit by one week he loses ¼ of his next monthly payment.

Complete documentation for the above statements may be found in a booklet printed by the Social Credit government entitled "Old Age Pension Handbook."

Miserly Administration

It is a pretty hard lot to be a pensioner in Alberta today. And while the criminal Means Test might be laid at the door of Premier King, nevertheless the very miserly administration of the Old Age Pension Act in Alberta must be connected with the name of Premier Manning. With a snap of his fingers he could demand the generous interpretation of the rules which has characterized the regime of Premier Douglas in Saskatchewan.

Up to Premier Manning

Premier Manning will need to do far more than provide medical services for Alberta's pensioners. Let him lift the fear from their minds—the fear bogged of a harsh administration of the Act. What he loses on increased pensions he will save on unnecessary medical fees. In the name of our suffering old folks let him act and we shall be only too glad to congratulate him for such an act of decency.

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The Late Ellen Wilkinson Put Up Great Fight for the People

OTTAWA, (CPA). — Ellen Wilkinson, a factory hand's daughter with a flaming mop of red hair crowning a diminutive figure, an indomitable spirit, and a \$4,000,000 plan for the improvement of the British educational system, died recently in an English hospital. She was the Labor government's Minister of Education.

Ellen Wilkinson first became interested in social affairs when she was a school girl. "It all began one rainy afternoon when I was 15 years old," she explains. "I was elected the Socialist candidate in a mock school debate. I had thought of myself as a Liberal up to that time, but I was determined to do a good job just the same."

She spent hours poring over books in the library, delivered her speech, won the debate, convinced herself thoroughly, and has been crusading on the same plank ever since.

She worked for, and won, a scholarship to Manchester University, where she majored in history and economics. She entered Parliament as a Labor member in 1924, and in 1935 she represented the hard-hit town of Jarrow. Her constituents were jobless and hungry, for the big shipyards in the town had closed, owing to the



ELLEN WILKINSON

depression. Angered to action she personally led them on a 300-mile march to London where she pleaded their cause before the House. Their tragic story she wrote in her most recent book, "The Town That Was Murdered."

The Canadian constitution places responsibility for education squarely on the shoulders of the Provinces.

CONTROL PLUS FREEDOM

By CLIFFORD E. LEE

THE C.C.F. favored the controls that strengthened our war effort. It still favors the controls that brake inflation and equalize to a degree the penalties we are paying for the failures of an economic system. As a result the C.C.F. is in danger of being known as a party of controls.



The truth is that intelligent Socialism can be free of the kind of controls ordinary people are finding so irksome today. Multitudinous controls bearing heavily at the bottom levels of our economic activities are not our babies. We should be making that clear.

The controls under which the average Canadian frets today are Capitalist controls. They are designed to soften the blows and achieve some measure of equality by sharing scarcity. It is better that we should be burdened with rationing than that some should go without. Rental controls are necessary to cover up the conspicuous failure of Capitalism to provide adequate housing. Most of the other controls are those which will slow up inflation. This is a purely Capitalist disease. Its cause is a surplus of purchasing power over available goods. The Socialist remedy is production, lots of it. That is medicine Capitalism can never administer, for the profit system depends upon scarcity.

Even those who deplore the sys-

tem that makes these controls necessary must support the controls while the system exists. But it would be tragic if in so doing the C.C.F. became associated in the minds of Canadians with the things they find disagreeable.

Public Ownership, The Answer

The most limiting weakness of Capitalism is its dependence upon the profit motive as its stimulus. You cannot by legislative control persuade a privately owned enterprise to produce for social need if profit is questionable. The answer there is public ownership and operation with the social motive predominant. I hope a C.C.F. government will do more owning than attempting to achieve the same goals by mere control. For controls lend themselves to bureaucratic red tape and inefficiencies. They add to the costs which the consumer ultimately pays.

There are large areas of our economy where it is more profitable to feed the gas than to apply the brakes. Most retailing and distributing organizations are in this class, whereas many manufacturers find planned scarcity advantageous. Unless involved too closely with human welfare, such as enterprises in the field of public health, it is altogether conceivable that these might remain almost indefinitely privately owned and possibly freer from costly controls than they are now.

For there is very little freedom in private enterprise now. And business men know it. It is quite likely that there is more room for private initiative, if not private

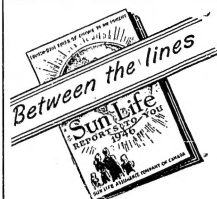
"enterprise" under democratic socialism than there is now. Businessmen have been slow to see that; maybe it is our fault.

This is not to argue that the C.C.F. does not propose control. But it is to argue that well-reasoned Socialist controls are not the kind of controls which most people have come to think of when they think of controls.

The C.C.F. believes in a planned economy. This, of course, means very comprehensive controls that the plans become effective. But they are major controls, applied at the top. They are not petty controls bothering the vast majority of people. C.C.F. controls are applied at the power house, not at the light switch.

National planning involves controls over imports and exports. I hope the government itself is the international trader. It would be a much simpler and less bureaucratic trading system than now exists. Planning involves control over banking, credit and investment. A hundred thousand people in Edmonton will find that buying less than buying a slice of bread. Perhaps those two examples will do to help convey my belief that the kind of controls a C.C.F. government would apply in building socialism are a lot different than those which annoy us now.

Capitalist controls are the controls of scarcity, applied at the bottom. Socialist controls are the controls that ensure plenty, and they are applied at the top.



AN INSIDE STORY of a LIFE ASSURANCE SERVICE

The Balance Sheet of Canada's largest life insurance company reveals 1946 as one of the most progressive periods since the Sun Life issued its first policy 76 years ago, but figures alone tell little of the human story behind this great co-operative enterprise. For instance, last year over \$100 million was paid out in benefits. What did this mean to the thousands of policyholders and beneficiaries who shared it? Here in brief is some of the story between the lines:



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A BIT OF Nonsense

The young wife greeted her husband affectionately when he returned from the office.

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"No darling," her husband answered firmly, "let's save the money and eat at home."

The applicant presented his credentials with confidence, but the manager read them very dubiously.

"It is certainly a fine thing for you to have these recommendations from your minister and your Sunday school teacher, but I'd like to have at least one recommendation from someone who knows you on weekdays."

One electrician was describing to another the effects of a shock he received on a job. "My elbow," he said, "must have touched the 2,200 volt bus bar. Hundreds of bells and buzzers went off together. Sirens screeched. There was the bang of a hammer on an anvil. Then to climax it all, the hammer slipped and hit me square between the eyes—I knew no more."

The listening electrician turned pale. "Good heavens!" he cried. "That just reminds me. I forgot to mail a letter the wife gave me two days ago."

First Business Man: "Since I bought a car I don't have to walk to the bank to make deposits any more."

Second Business Man: "You drive there eh?"

First Business Man: "No, I don't make any."

"How are you getting on with your new boy friend?" asked the brunette.

"Oh, he's all washed up," replied the blonde. "I think he's been deceiving me and that he's really a married man."

"Do you, dear? Whatever makes you think that?"

"Well, last night," explained the blonde, "I was sitting on his knee and he gave me his watch to play with."

Co-ops Will Have

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for lack of visible profits but must function to satisfy the needs of Canadian people. One of the great developments of the last decade in Canada is the co-operatives that should be used in such needed service.

But the Co-operatives have been hamstrung on the eve of their great need.

In Alberta there will be a straight fight between a co-operative political ideal and the greatest combination of reactionary politicians that this province has seen. The things that organized groups in this province have asked for in democratic conventions, a steady stream of them, have been sacrificed to private owner expediency. Three conventions have asked for development of electricity under public ownership for two years. School Trustees and Municipal groups have insisted for many years that something be done about education to avert the crisis that is now here. Road conditions have been the subject of countless resolutions through farm organizations as well as from the A.M.A. Farm organizations asked for an investigation into the raised price of gasoline in the three western provinces which provided the major cost of exploration resulting in the finding of a new Alberta Oil field by and for the Imperial Oil Company. But the great Alberta development was a full settlement with the bond holders.

It is time the Co-operative movement recognized its ultimate aims and defined its plans. It will, incidentally, have to choose its political friends, or die in friendly co-operation in the loving embrace of its political enemies.

JUST A MINUTE!

By A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A.

On March 4, 1946, Mr. Roper introduced into the Legislature a resolution urging the government to try to save the farmers of this province the huge annual losses now resulting from animal diseases. Mr. Roper asked for a Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture and a Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Alberta to conduct scientific research, provide vaccines, and to give comprehensive assistance in animal pathology. Despite the hundreds of thousands of dollars lost annually the Minister of Agriculture contemptuously dismissed this constructive proposal, sneering at what he referred to as "research, vaccines, and all that stuff!"

But the C.C.F. leader had actually spearheaded the demand for something that is desperately needed. Public demand among the farmers backed up Mr. Roper to such an extent that the Speech from the Throne this year indicates that the "Government proposes to establish an Animal Pathology and Nutritional Laboratory during the coming year."

What a pity that in this age of science, in a province whose major wealth is produced on the farms, Alberta should have a Minister of Agriculture who regards science as stuff and nonsense. Without initiative itself this Social Credit department brushed aside a serious proposal to meet a serious problem. Focused by the C.C.F. public demand achieved some action, but at least two years after a wide-awake government would have done some self-starting on its own!

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PERSONAL STUFF

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the way of a government, but to act as a prod to force the government to do things that it is reluctant to do.

Such a policy pays off for the people, whatever may be its effect on the opposition party itself. We have some examples in the present session of the Alberta legislature. There are three or four things promised by the government in the Speech from the Throne which have come directly as the result of the building up of public opinion following a persistent fight by us in the legislature. So much so that one member of the legislature said to me: "Well, the government has stolen some of your thunder, eh?" Another member said to one of my friends: "The Speech from the Throne certainly pulled some C.C.F. teeth." Both statements may have some truth in them. But you know, we don't care. Probably it would be better for us, politically, if the government stubbornly refused to do the things we pressed for, even after public opinion had created a demand which could not be ignored. But we're more concerned with getting things done than we are with the Applause. Liesemer exclaimed: "I feel your feelings when he said: 'The government for its debt' in giving medical aid to old age pensioners, pointing out that scores of old people had died in the past two years without the aid they should have had. And we are more anxious to have the pensioners get this benefit now than we are to obtain the political advantage of further government reform to give it to them."

As a matter of fact there's a great satisfaction in putting up a fight for our kind of a program. It must be a flat, unsatisfying experience to be an apostle of the status quo, to have no better thing to fight for than the preservation of all the old rules of a game in which the cards are stacked against the majority of the people. Leonard Marsh in his report on social security showed that more than sixty-five per cent of the male heads of Canadian families in urban centres received an income below that required for a decent standard of life. The record in rural areas was even worse. These eighty-two per cent fell below the level of comfort and health. And in the face of such facts there are people who resist every effort to obtain a change in an economic system that only produces plenty at the expense of creating poverty. They're welcome to all the "honors" they can get from the beneficiaries of things as they are, these spokesmen for the status quo. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord—and the people.

British Tories

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might have waited and got cheap wheat later—in fact that we made a very bad bargain.

"But today I listened to your Conservative Opposition here (John Deifenbaker, P.C. Lake Centre) say that it was really too charitable on the part of the Canadian government to send us wheat at that low price."

In Canada to discuss ways of speeding delivery on Canadian wheat under the existing contract, Mr. Strachey let it be known that the plight of the British would be very bad if shipments cannot be

maintained. Ordinarily a stock has accumulated in England by late fall, before the St. Lawrence freeze-up, but this season wheat was very late and monthly shipments have been barely sufficient to maintain the bread ration.

Mr. Strachey will speak to farm organizations in Winnipeg but when he was asked whether he would "make an appeal" the British minister said, "Oh hardly that. We don't expect any more than to be supplied on a sound commercial basis."

An increase in beef shipments is also being sought by Mr. Strachey during present negotiations.

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member scoured the government for its delay in adopting this measure.

"The members of the government must view with regret, as we do," Mr. Liesemer said, "the delay in this matter was first brought up by Mr. Roper and myself, through the stubbornness of the Premier, who is also Provincial Treasurer, several scores of old age pensioners have gone to their graves without this benefit and comfort, which at low cost to the province could have brought peace and security to these old people for the last two years of their lives."

Expressing satisfaction also that a pathological laboratory was proposed for the study of animal diseases and animal nutrition, the Calgary member said it was a good thing for the farmers of Alberta that there was an opposition in the House. He recalled the contemptuous attitude of the Minister of Agriculture when the C.C.F. members moved a resolution in a previous session calling for a research program in respect to animal diseases. Referring to the Minister's reference to "research, vaccines and all that stuff," in the 1946 session, he said: "It is a pity in this age of science and in this province where the major portion of the wealth comes from our farms, that the Minister of Agriculture should think of science as applied to agriculture as 'stuff and nonsense'."

"The farmers of Alberta can be most happy that there is such a thing as a parliamentary opposition," Mr. Liesemer said, "if the Social Credit totalitarian one-party ideal, as sponsored by the Union of Electors, ever should come to pass, such action as the C.C.F. proposed for the aid of agriculture would not be achieved."

The Calgary C.C.F. member expressed regret that the Speech from the Throne gave virtually no hint of any plans to improve the standard of living of the working people through improvement of labor legislation.

"Those of us who recall last year the hostility of the members of the government for the representatives of Labor who appeared before the Agricultural committee, compared with the almost fawning courtesy extended to the representatives of the big shots, are not too surprised," he said.

Mr. Liesemer then recited from the briefs of the Alberta Federation of Labor and the Alberta committee of the Canadian Congress of Labor, the requests of the Labor movement for improved legislation. He told the House that the C.C.F. members would support these measures.

Speaking of the decision of the Progressive Conservative party to refrain from participation in provincial affairs, thus shadowing the deal between the Tory, Social

Credit and Duplessis forces in the federal field, the C.C.F. member suggested that the Conservatives weren't getting any the best of it. "The Tories in swallowing the Social Credit government must also swallow a lot of indigestible material," he said.

"They must, for example, embrace the Social Credit totalitarian one-party ideal of the Union of Electors," he said. "They must take to their bosom the anti-Semitism of Major Douglas and of the equally rabid Social Credit leaders in Alberta. They must agree to the censorship of movies whereby those political ideas not acceptable to the Social Credit party can be cut out. They must accept the teaching of Social Credit theories in the text books of the schools of the province, a policy only tenable in a one-party totalitarian state. They must even ignore such thorough dictatorial tactics as the suppression of the freedom of speech over the one radio station that so far the government has managed to control," he added.

Mr. Liesemer charged that the present government has allowed the educational system of the province, which the late Premier Aberhart had built to high standard, to slip to the point where Alberta's reputation in education had been completely lost. The Calgary member renewed his plea of previous sessions for greater provincial responsibility for the financing of elementary and secondary education.

Public Money to

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ment, will "underwrite the strike" at least until the end of next month, and the coal miners who are striking to bring their pay up from sub-standard levels are placed in the worst possible bargaining position as a result.

The unexpected revelation of the contract brought indignation from C.C.F. leader M. J. Coldwell, whose party has championed the miners' demands of the cabinet the government conciliator admitted to be "fully justified."

Mr. Coldwell's statement to the press Friday night said:

Intolerable Situation
"No wonder the Dominion Coal Company of Nova Scotia is not anxious to meet the just demands of its underpaid miners. Last Friday afternoon the Honorable C. D. Howe informed Mr. Gillis in the House that the subsidies paid to this company by the government do not provide that without production all subsidies would cease. Of the contract with this company he said, 'It is a continuing contract which can be altered it binds the government to pay the loss of the company up to March 31st.' In other words the company's losses as a result of the strike will be paid by the government. Canada in effect protects the company from loss, while it starves its employees into submission. Surely this is an intolerable situation and obligates the government to intervene and give justice to the men involved."

Sheer Bluff
It now appears that Dosco could have signed a new contract on January 31st on the miners' terms and the government would have been obliged under the terms of the contract to pay the additional \$1.40 a day if the company could not. The government's "refusal" to pay further subsidies was sheer bluff. However the government has given notice that this contract will not be renewed in its present form after March 1st, and Dosco has apparently decided to play safe.

Dosco is definitely ahead on the whole deal so far. If the strike lasts till the end of March they will suffer no losses. They will hope to reach agreement with the government for at least some financial assistance thereafter. The union will have all its resources of courage and determination, and the loyalty of working men throughout Canada, to meet this test.

CALGARY C.C.F. WOMEN SCORE HIGH COSTS

CALGARY—Mrs. P. Henry, representative at the W.P.T.B. reported at the February meeting of the Women's Council C.C.F., on a meeting addressed by Madame de la Durantaye of Ottawa, advisor to the Consumers' Branch on Price Control. It was reported that Mme. Durantaye had not favored the suggestion made by someone present that public meetings be held to protest against the unnecessary rise in prices. Mrs. Henry's report was followed by a lively discussion and a number of questions raised which Mrs. Henry will ask at the next Board meeting. The Council went on record as favoring restriction of buying as much as possible of unnecessary articles, as members cited examples such as the price of nuts and of dates which had taken a big tumble, apparently due to lack of purchasers.

A very kind and appreciative letter was read from Mrs. Helmar, (whose husband, Mrs. Calvin Helmar, D.C.M. was a provincial candidate), in acknowledgement of her Christmas gift to her children.

\$50 For Radio

The sum of \$50.00 was voted as a contribution to the Provincial Radio fund; and it was reported that after several parcels had been sent to individuals in Great Britain, donations to the Spanish Relief fund for Republicans, and to the "Save the Children" fund there still remained sufficient in the special "Quilt Raffle" proceeds to send further parcels to Great Britain.

Miss Gladys Dynes, the speaker of the evening told in a most interesting manner of her "Workshop of International Relations" held at The Summer School in the University of British Columbia, and conducted by Dr. Tomlinson, who is recognized as an expert on international affairs. A discussion followed, and Miss Dynes answered many questions giving the viewpoint of speakers at the "Workshop" on the problems of Indonesia and Palestine.

Miss Annie Campbell, presided. Lunch was served by her hostess, Mrs. Nixon. — E. P.

U.N. SPEAKER WARNS AGAINST ANTI-RACISM

Those people who indulge in anti-racial, anti-religious and other "anti" sentiments are making an effective contribution to bringing on the next world war, Dr. Clem Wallace of Toronto, past president of the national executive of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, declared at a public meeting sponsored by the Edmonton branch of the United Nations Organization in the lecture room

of McDougall Church last Friday evening.

In considering the question as to whether Anglo-Saxon powers could co-operate with Russia, Dr. Wallace asked his audience to consider the awful alternative if they answered this question in the negative. It would mean another world war declared the speaker and the end of civilization as we know it.

He reminded the audience that we didn't experience much difficulty in co-operating with Russia during the war and if we approached the question in the same spirit in making the peace, we would undoubtedly find a basis for co-operation.

He urged the necessity of world-mindedness in approaching the problems of peace and warned against a tendency toward isolationism. "We must do everything possible to perpetuate the idea of living and let live in co-operation with other people," he said.

S.C. MEMBER IS KICKED OUT OF PARTY CAUCUS

Wray of Banff-Cochrane Criticizes Cabinet—Is Told to Move Seat

Arthur H. Wray, member for Banff-Cochrane in the Alberta legislature, who was suspended from the Social Credit caucus last year after disagreements with the Minister of Public Works, Hon. W. A. Fallow, over road conditions in the Cochrane area, has now been expelled.

Mr. Wray received a letter from James Hartley, M.L.A., chairman of the government caucus, telling the recalcitrant member that he had been expelled and asking him to move his seat away from those of the Social Credit members.

The expelled member promptly replied to the expulsion order by saying that he would not move his seat; that he had been elected as a Social Credit member and would stay a Social Credit member.

"The fact that I have criticized the cabinet for misuse of power and domination of back benches, and for the fact that the government acts in a way that is a betrayal of the Social Credit movement, is no reason for me to turn my back on a movement for which I have fought since 1933," Mr. Wray said.

Members of the house are wondering what will be the next move in the drama. Final decision of the caucus to expel the member came after he had made a slashing radio attack on the cabinet in a broadcast sponsored by his constituents in Banff-Cochrane. Among other things he said the Progressive Conservatives had decided to stay out of provincial politics because their interests were being served so well by the present government.



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